

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing and reconsideration of the subject application are respectfully requested in light of the amendments above and the comments which follow.

As correctly noted in the Office Action Summary, claims 2-6, 8-18, 20, 21, 24, 25, 28-31, 33, 34, 37 and 38 were pending. By the present response, claims 20 and 29 have been amended. Thus, upon entry of the present response, claims 2-6, 8-18, 20, 21, 24, 25, 28-31, 33, 34, 37 and 38 remain pending and await further consideration on the merits.

Support for the foregoing amendments can be found, for example, in at least the following locations in the original disclosure: the original claims, and the drawing figures, e.g., FIG. 6.

TELEPHONIC INTERVIEW WITH EXAMINER

Applicant appreciates the time afforded by the Examiner in the telephone interview of April 18, 2005. During the interview, the rejection of claim 29 and Fiske et al. reference were discussed. The amendment to claim 29 are consistent with the telephone conversation.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicants note with appreciation the indication that claims 2-6, 8-18, 20-21, 24-25, 28, 30-31, 33, 37 and 38 are allowed.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 29 and 34 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,891,681 to Fiske et al. (hereafter "*Fiske et al.*") on the grounds set forth in paragraph 3 of the Official Action. For at least the reasons noted below, this rejection should be withdrawn.

To anticipate a claim, the reference must teach every element of the claim. See MPEP § 2131. For example, "a claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference." Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California, 814 F.2d 628, 631 (Fed. Cir. 1987). Here, the rejections are traversed because each of the cited references does not teach every element of the claim. The following comments on each of the references are offered.

Fiske et al. discloses staggering the sides of the sheets so that upon folding the edges become accurately aligned. See Abstract. Staggering is required to compensate for the every increasing distance the sheet must compensate for when folded in a stack (col. 5, lines 27 et seq.). The result in *Fiske et al.* is that the sheets, when assembled and folded in a booklet, all have the same page width, e.g., the edges are not staggered (see Fig. 4).

Comparing the disclosure in *Fiske et al.* to the claims of the present application at issue here, the *Fiske et al.* patent does not disclose the claimed saw tooth edge feature that includes a plurality of document portions, a first document portion including "a plurality of trimmed sheets of a uniform first depth and a second document portion including a plurality of trimmed sheets of varying trimmed depths to expose a surface of a first visible trimmed sheet of an adjacent first document

portion." (See claim 29) In light of at least these differences, applicant respectfully submits that an anticipatory rejection is improper since *Fiske et al.* does not disclose the invention as presently claimed.

For at least the reasons noted above, withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

Further, since dependent claims contain all of the features of the independent claim, dependent claim 34 also distinguishes over the cited reference for at least the same reasons as noted above and withdrawal of the rejection with respect to this claim is also respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

From the foregoing, further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner feel that any issues remain, it is requested that the undersigned be contacted so that any such issues may be adequately addressed and prosecution of the instant application expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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